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## 學生自治會代表大會

### 準於二十五日晚舉行

#### 全體大會或將於下星期二召集

學生自治會代表大會，前因各學系補選代表，未能如期選出，致遲至今，不克開會。現化學會代表，亦於昨日補選完畢，只研究代表，尚未選出。代表大會以不能再候，已決定於本星期五晚七時在禮堂開會，開本年度第一次代表大會，屆時不論研究代表能否選出，決準時舉行。此次代表大會重要討論事項，為代表大會主席之選舉問題。代表大會結束後，學生會全體大會，如事前能將應辦事項，準備完畢，則下星期二亦可舉行。除討論各種會務問題外，執行委員會諸委員，亦將於會內選舉云。

## 水災募委會幹事聘定

### 即日起開始募捐運動

#### 本星期五擬演電影助賑尚未確定

燕大水災募委會，昨(二十)日晚七時假禮堂一〇六號開第三次常會，由高玉香女士主席，討論事項為(一)本校募捐之進行，決定由即日起，開始在校內募集，並聘(女校)周綠霞，陳芳芝，李漢強，范琪，秦舜華，高君純，卞煦蓀，王安琳，鄭寶滬。(男校)陶禮雅，湯建文，王文彬，何文仁，喬碩人，柯家龍，陸錫麟，何天賦，許勇三，侯仁之，邱運熹。為幹事，負責勸募。並出水災募委會函請撥款救濟災專刊，喚起同學注意。(二)關於水災電影，暫定為考琳慕亞主演之「One Night of Love」，日期為本星期五，價目未定，晚舉行水災遊藝會，接洽項目，大致就緒。(四)汶上縣長張鴻鈞來函聲請撥款賑災事，決定函復允予力幫忙。(五)關於新聞學系畢業同學蕭乾君寄贈水災照像，決定於各樓中公佈。至八點一刻，始散會云。並聞北國劇社函請學校當局，借地公演，校方

者，鴻鈞實同深感戴也。特此函謝，敬祈復示，是為至禱。此上燕大學生會水災募委會。張鴻鈞拜啟(十月十三日)

## 新聞學會執委會

### 後日開首次會

新聞學會執行委員會訂於本星期四晚八時假禮堂開本學期第一次會議，討論今後會務進行方針。由主席石家駒，略備茶點，歡迎請本屆執委，屆時各委員皆能出席云。

## 由陸侃如繼任

郭紹虞辭國文系主任，前因積勞成疾，經醫囑長期休養，已辭去系主任一職。敬啟者鴻鈞受任汶上，原以實地研究農村，為民興利祛弊為鵠的。以此自對，亦以對汶上四十萬衆之生命。乃者下車伊始，滿目瘡痍，災民載道，該縣原設有災民管理處，現在收容災民一千人，除照發災民飯資，計每人每月一元五角外，其他若鹹菜等費，及醫藥衛生設備，均付闕然；且鹽類為飲食必需之物，未可或少，只限於省令規定，及賑款之支細，未能酌予添發，殊深遺憾。鴻鈞職司邑宰，救卹有心，籌款乏術，思維再四，除醫藥衛生等費，函請教職員水災募賑委員會籌撥外，惟有身代千百災黎，籲向貴會惠撥此項災民鹹菜費二百元左

## 班際賽「公平」問題

### 昨日會議三三級未出席

男生體育部昨晚七時再度召集各班級代表，討論關於本年度班際比賽之所謂「公平」問題。到會者計四年級代表李宜培，一年級代表譚約翰，教職員代表林啟武，崔玉珩，二三年級代表未出席。磋商約半小時，最後大一代表譚君表示自願略為讓步，並由體育部致函二三年級徵求同意，該問題應不難解決云。按本年度體育部規章有定，凡籃球球隊員均不得參加班際比賽。而一年級生又不得選拔為校隊，結果各班級球賽，實有退出之必要。因之體育部再度召集會議，三單位代表磋商結果，認

## 音樂演奏會

前曾在本校演奏之 Chamber Music Study Group 弦樂隊，現應國際婦女會之邀請，於十一月十二日下午五時十五分假座美國學校舉行表演，票價每張五元，女校辦公處有代售云。

## 女校會客問題

將籌新辦法 上星期六(十九日)晚女部主任桑美女士宴請女生十餘人，商談女校宿舍問題。當時學生方面提出宿舍衣櫃太小，燈光太暗，膳食不夠吃，以及安靜問題。桑主任當表示燈光明亮問題，如每位同學皆能養成離開房間，及臨睡時隨手關燈之習慣，未嘗不可通融。否則，影響經濟太大，非學校能力所允許。至於安靜問題，學校不久即將規定宿舍安靜時間，佈告通知。繼又談及姊妹樓問題，詳認現任在姊妹樓被少數人佔有，似乎失去接待家長及來賓之原意。故有人提議將姊妹樓會客廳隔為兩間，一間專為接待家長及來賓之用；又有人提議將一二院與三四院間之空地上另建二會客室者，但均均無決定。並聞為使女同學間多聯絡感情之機會起見，今後將實行各宿舍學生任意交換吃飯之辦法云。

## 未名劇團

已正式成立 大一學生所籌備之話劇社，前日在禮堂召開全體大會，到約三十餘人。當即選出葉宗憲為該團團長，並定名為「未名劇團」。團員大部為北平匯文及通州潞河同學為多。一俟籌備就緒，即將舉行首次公演云。

## 校友消息

### 盧祺新將結婚

本報一九二八畢業生盧祺新君，為本校與美國密蘇里大學新聞學院第一屆交換研究生，現任路透社上海總社中文部主任，定於本月二十六日在上海與李惠源女士結婚，由司徒校長親臨證婚云。

### 吳祁王在祁門

本校法學院一九二五級畢業生吳志鐸君，一九三三級畢業生祁會培君，當即選出葉宗憲為該團團長，並定名為「未名劇團」。團員大部為北平匯文及通州潞河同學為多。一俟籌備就緒，即將舉行首次公演云。

## 宋耀漢昨來平

本校畢業同學宋耀漢君，於昨晚由西安抵平，暫住燈市口校友會，宋君今日來校談此次來平，係由陝教育廳派赴外省考察，約小住四五日，即動身西返。

## 蕭乾返自災區

本年新聞學系畢業生，現任大公報文藝版編輯蕭乾君，前被派山東海洲一帶視察災區情形，通信均載該報。茲悉蕭君近已返平，昨日來校稍事耽擱，當日即乘車返津。

## 燕大日曆

今日 星期二	下午四時 校務執行委員會 會議室
八時 教職員討論會 臨湖軒	
十月二十三 星期三	上午八時五十分 寧德樓朝會 陳瑞珪女士
上午八時五十分 適樓朝會 費蘭先生	
下午四時五十分 資助委員會 會議室	
十月二十四 星期四	上午八時五十分 寧德樓朝會 聖樂
上午八時五十分 適樓朝會 劉貽書先生	
下午五時 教職員討論會 寧德樓	
趙紫宸先生 題目：「宗教討論」	
六時四十五分 燕大歌詠練習 適樓	
十月二十五 星期五	上午八時五十分 寧德樓朝會 祈禱
上午八時五十分 適樓朝會 桂女士	
下午七時 燕大基督教團契歡迎新契友 女體館	
八時 留聲機音樂會 甘德閣	







海外通訊

歐美影壇最近動態

浮士德電影化

歌德名著『浮士德』拍成電影，在美國已有兩起同時進行，第一起是紐約的音樂公所，他們打算把該片依照歌劇型拍製，現在還在改編劇本，要過兩三星期才能竣工。大約在本月內便可以正式工作。這一部片子，將由美國電影基金會發行。攝製的地點大約要在美國的東部，雖然攝影場至今尚未決定。

法片英白

英國的製片家們，近日喜歡把法國出品重拍成英語對白片。尤以高蒙公司對此舉最為活躍。據他們說，法國影片常有很好好的劇本。雖然他們不會好地攝製出來。

最近高蒙公司向法國電影界購得了三部片子的攝製權。牠們是：『羅斯福爾』(Rochford)，『學生旅店』和『鷹』。第一片將由佐治·阿里斯主演。雖然這部片子與『大富之家』一片裏的猶太銀行家事蹟毫無關係。『鷹』一片是法國兩年前的一部成功作品，現在還未能決定將要怎樣改編成英語對白片。

意大利的電影界，預算在本年度出品可已達到六十部之多。這些片中要包含幾部用外國語對白的，主要的是德語和英語。

名導演葛萊福最近到英國去，為製片家蕭里亞斯。海根導演『殘花淚』(Broken Blossoms)一片，現在又因雙方意見不合，同意解約。

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十間攝影場和十六家製片公司現在正在工作中。只有一家暫時沒有工作。那是 Domenico Maenti 影片公司，但是牠現在也着手籌備製片一部了。

目前有四十四部片子是已經拍成了或正在剪片室工作。在攝製中的有八部。製片家們希望在本月底前，另外有五部新作也可以開始工作。跟法德奧等國影界合作拍法意，意德或意奧兩國語片的合同也大致訂好了。

第一部這種兩國語對白片已決定是『哥倫布』，將拍成英語國語。導演為卡爾敏尼。加隆。第二部為 Giovanni of the Black Bands，由魯維士。脫令克導演，片中對白分德語及意語兩種。還有『白色艦隊』一片，由。晉尼導演。也拍成德意兩國語。另外又有『被圍困的工廠』一片，則由『狂歡』一片導演 G. 馬察蒂任導演。

有聲影片的收音技術將要有一番工作。那是在巴黎攝製的一部叫做『永久的被愛者』的片子。片子是敘述音樂大師貝多芬的生平事蹟。攝製這部片子的公司是一家在法國製片公司。將來要製英語和法語兩種。

因為片中要描寫貝多芬的耳朵漸漸失掉了聽的本能，所以將來觀衆從銀幕上聽到的樂聲，也是逐漸地低下去最後卒至於完全聽不到。這是描寫貝多芬聽到他自己的歌曲時的情狀。這樣對於片中的表演將有很大的幫助。

平西兵兵隊  
由燕清兩校合組  
燕大「燕隊與清華華」兩隊之兩兵兵隊，皆為集各校之兵兵健將而後成者。兩隊於二十日下午三時，會師於清華大學第二院兵室，棋逢敵手，每局皆相持不下，然「燕」隊隊員，缺乏經驗，卒以五比一敗北。比賽後，由華隊長提議組織聯合隊，彼此切磋，俾使球藝有所長進。並定名為「平西兵兵隊」，舉隊長王嶽(燕隊)房雙(華隊)，幹事蔡念(燕隊)，王世真(華隊)各二人。決定每二星期聯合練習一次云。

錦標與體育  
提倡體育唯一的鼓勵方法，莫過於錦標比賽，所以班際比賽，校際比賽，甚至於華北全國運動會，無不設置錦標，以資鼓勵，其所以設置錦標的目的，斷然在乎體育，而決非在乎能否獲得錦標。但是我們把參加比賽者的心理，細加分析，可以發現許多不同的觀念。有的為名譽而參加，有的為地位而參加，有的為應付差事而不得不參加，因為有各種錯誤的觀念發生，所以有許多優秀的運動員，常被體育教員和學校當局所利誘而賣命，亦有許多的選手奪不回錦標，竟受唾罵，這許多的嘲嘲怪事，皆由錯誤的觀念所致，那麼比賽的結果如何能夠圓滿？體育的普及如何能夠達到？

不過，錦標這種東西，在體育上確有重要的價值；但是，比賽之所以設有錦標，乃是提倡體育和鼓勵前進的一種方法，並非目的。中國的體育，要打算到達普遍的目的，非使個人澈底的明瞭體育不可。那麼，體育究竟是什麼東西？簡而言之，體育即是教育，不過所用的方法不同而已。體育是以大肌肉的活動，而達到教育的目的；換句話說，教育的目的，就是體育的目的。所以說，體育即是教育。

錦標和體育，及其二者在教育上的價值，如能透澈認識，那麼參加比賽的目的，並非完全在乎奪取錦標，乃是要以肌肉的活動，而得到教育上的價值。希望吾校同學，本此宗旨而邁進，吾校體育，庶幾有普及之望焉。(體育部)

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燕大國劇社於月之十八日晚六時半，假該校禮堂舉行救濟水災公演，劇目為瓊林宴，奇冤報，能仁寺，寶蓮燈，空城計五齣。惟適值同學多有考試，故售票成績，不如預料之佳。晚六時起，禮堂開始售票，六時半啟幕，首齣瓊林宴，由盧鶴舫飾范仲禹，扮相蒼老，做工週到，二簧原板一段，歌來腔圓，潤，彩聲四起。四平調則一氣呵成，無懈可擊。張玉林飾葛登雲，唱作念白，樣樣皆佳，而身段尤為難能可貴。熱神(王宏謀飾)起霸，頗落彩聲，非工夫獨到者，曷克臻此。書房一場，與范仲禹堪稱珠聯璧合。奇冤報一齣由宋志祥飾劉世昌，反二簧正板原板，歌來皆有獨到之處。卡權新君之張別古，大致尚佳，惟兩段數板，操之過急，故頗有字句不清之弊，想係缺乏演習之故。第三齣為能仁寺，朱炳蓀女士飾何玉鳳，扮像秀麗，道白清晰，起打穩健，尤以說親一場，表情細膩，做工老練。張金鳳(廖增益飾)身段靈活，慢板二六，歌來如珠走玉盤。加以陳哲之賽西施，舉動滑稽，出語幽默，令人捧腹。劉紹裘之安公子，表情甚佳；張玉林之黑風僧，亦恰到好處。全劇演來，頗為圓滿。

(二十日)下午七時在第二院會客室舉行，共討論三項問題，一為男女同學，應如何打破兩性間之隔膜。二為學校中常有「Lady First」之習，此種舉動，是否應當。三為如何使女同學多注意社會，國際，諸問題。各會員發表議論者甚多，至九時始散會。

學生名錄印就

一九三五至一九三六年之學生名錄，業已出版，內容除校歷，學生之姓名錄及編號名錄外，尚有學生自治會職員名錄，每冊售價一角，具公樓大學售書處發行。

軍訓學科改期

一年級之軍訓學科，原皆在星期五下午七時至八時上課，近因時間不適，聞已改於每星期二上課。

南開校友會

在香山松堂舉行聚餐

慶祝母校三十一週年紀念

南開校友會以上星期日二十號為其母校三十一週年紀念，應舉行聚餐，特約全體會員，於該日往香山松堂聚餐。今將當日情形，略述於下：星期日上午十時，會員二十一人，在松堂前齊集，乘汽車直赴香山松堂，一路說笑，頗有說不盡的快樂。到了松堂，大家都跳下車來，走到一處名為清華所有，四週環以白松，極為古雅。是日天氣

並分為兩組講授，第一組為下午四時至五時，第二組為五時至六時云。

一九三七年流會

一九三七年流會執行委員會，於十七日晚八時在禮樓課室，召集第一次執委會會議。出席者僅五人，由楊文泉主席。其中兩人，為辭職而來，致會未克開成。現主席仍擬擇期再度招集云。

班際籃球

班際籃球比賽，明日下午四時半，大二丙對大四甲，大二乙對大四乙。昨晚籃球賽，大二乙對教職員乙，教職員乙以十九對四十八慘敗。

女生二人退學

女校最近因病退學者有研究院教育徐敬儀，及一年級新生陳秉誥二人。

標。三時半乘車返校，全體立橋上合唱南開校歌，始盡歡而散。

校醫處將開

清河試驗區，原有燕大與該區合設之醫院一處，但因一般鄉民，習俗頗深，遇有疾病，每不願投院求治，故該院房間，開空已久。本校養病院，為廢地利用起見，擬將該處改為「清河試驗區養病院」，凡我校同學及教職員，學期中自西山養病院歸來者，可遷赴該院靜養。現該院共有床位

十二，空氣良好，並有醫生照護，環境上亦不亞於校內也。

團契迎新大會

燕大基督教團契，定於二十五日晚七時，在女體育館舉行迎新大會，凡本年新加入之教職員，學生及工友，均在被邀之列云。

徵租鋼琴

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## 5-U League Matches to Begin Next Saturday

**Will Meet Peita on Her Fields—  
First Home Games With  
Fujen on Nov. 2.**

Yenching will play its premiere games of the Big-Five League against Peita next Saturday Oct. 26, on the latter's grounds. The games will consist of men's football and basketball, and women's basketball. Basketball will begin at 2:00 p.m., and football at 2:30 p.m.

One of the rules of the League is changed in the fact that the trophy for the general championship is henceforth a permanent challenge trophy. A university may win the general championship ten times but the trophy will not be hers to keep except for one year after each win.

Ping-pong, or table tennis, is a new added event of the League, but it will be played in the second semester. The first-semester league games will end on Dec. 21.

Cross-country will be staged on Dec. 22, at which contestants are required to run a 5000-meter course, from Tsinghua to the Summer Palace. Yenching marathon runners are especially urged to do harder and regular practice, because this race requires more stamina and endurance.

The schedule of the first round of the matches is as follows:

Date	Teams	Place
Oct. 26	Yenta vs. Peita	Peita
Nov. 2	" " Fujen	Yenta
" 9	" " Tsinghua	Tsinghua
" 16	" " Shilita	Yenta

## "Happy Days Ahead, I Hope" Says Dr. Stuart on Leaving

"I leave Yenching with high hopes for its continued usefulness. I have faith that happy days are ahead," said Dr. J. L. Stuart in an interview with a student reporter before leaving for Shanghai and America Saturday morning. "Whatever the future may hold for us, I trust that students will be prepared for loyal cooperation with the student self-government association and the university administration in keeping the institution true to its purposes."

Dr. Stuart spent a day in Tientsin Saturday en route to Shanghai. While in East China, he hopes to have an interview with General Chiang Kai-shek. The president's address in Shanghai is the Park Hotel. He will sail for the United States next Tuesday on the "President McKinley."

Hubert S. Liang, chairman of the department of journalism, proceeded to Shanghai a few days in advance of Dr. Stuart. The two of them during this week will make a number of calls upon interested persons on behalf of our work in journalism. Mr. Liang expects to return to the campus next week, making the trip back to Peiping via Nanking and Hankow.

## Soph-Fresh Peace Pow-wow With Stuart as Conciliator

Difference in opinion of the problem of tossing the verdant frosh were reconciled by Dr. Stuart in a tea party of 23 freshman and sophomore representatives with Mr. Hsia Yun, held Thursday evening at the President's House.

Said Dr. Stuart: "When a western custom like hazing comes to China, we must be able to judge whether it is really adaptable. It has been the policy of the university to leave this problem to the students concerned alone, hoping that the student body will solve it through its own wisdom. But when unpleasant incidents occur, the university feels the necessity to exercise its authority."

It is interesting to note that some of the sophomores, through confusion and misunderstanding, were each marked a "Big Fault", or better known as *ta kuo* for tossing the newcomers. This marking is officially withdrawn. Mr Hsia expressed the wish that the students should cooperate more closely with the Student Welfare, and hoped that students should have the ability of discriminating the good from the bad.

Confessed both parties: "Let bygones be bygones. Let us from now on bind ourselves and cooperate for the betterment of the university and our country."

## G. L. Han to Make Inspection Trip

Han Ch'ing-lien, admissions secretary in the office of the Registrar, will leave Nov. 4 on a month's trip for visitation of schools in Central and East China. Among the cities to which he will go on the trip are Hankow, Changsha, Nanchang, Kiukiang, Nanking, Soochow, Shanghai, Hangchow, Yangchow and Wusih.

## Yenta Winners in Tsinghua Exams Now Consider Where to Enroll

Chang Tsung-ping, winner of a Tsinghua scholarship, has not yet determined what university he will enter in America. He will continue the work upon which he is now engaged under Dr. C. F. Wu, a study of fruit insect pests. Hsieh Ch'iang, Yenching's other winner, expects to continue his research into monetary problems, probably in Harvard. The largest group of candidates in any one field took the examinations on monetary questions, eighteen. Mr. Hsieh brought honor to himself, his alma mater, and its department of economics, by topping the list.

## Y.C.F. to Welcome New Members

A welcome party given by the Yenta Christian Fellowship for the new members including faculty, students, and workmen, will be held on Friday, Oct. 25, at 7 o'clock in Boyd gymnasium. Both programme and refreshment are well prepared.

## David Lu to Be Married Oct. 26 in Shanghai by President Stuart

David C. H. Lu, Yenta '28, will be married next Saturday night in Shanghai to Miss Li Huai-yuan of Canton. The ceremony will be held in the Community Church there, conducted by Dr. J. L. Stuart. David's sister, Carrie, married a brother of the bride-to-be last year.

Mr. Lu, after spending a year as an assistant in the department of journalism here, was appointed the first Missouri-Yenching Fellow at the University of Missouri. Following a two-year period there, he served as an instructor in journalism here. He was then employed for a time by the *China Press*, and for the past eighteen months has been head of the Chinese division of the headquarters office of Reuters' news agency in Shanghai.

## Modern Meteorological Lab. Being Set Up Here

**Physics Dept. Uses Grant to Equip  
Station in Small Pavilion  
Near Military Field**

The meteorological work of the department of physics will be much extended at once by means of a grant from a Peiping friend of Dr. Y. M. Hsieh, a Peiping business man, Mr. J. C. Liu. A modern laboratory is being fitted out in the small pavilion near the west wall of the campus just north of the military training field, and will be a memorial to the father of the donor.

Up to the present the department of physics has been keeping continuous records of temperature, pressure and humidity since 1931, while solar ultra violet light records have been taken at mid-day during a period of two years. Preliminary dust measurements have been carried out and daily observations of atmospheric electricity and records of the atmospheric potential gradient have been made.

The small pavilion, which will be connected with the municipal (24-hour) electrical service, is to contain the continuous recording instruments. Two skeleton towers thirty feet in height will be erected near the pavilion, and on them will be mounted thermopiles sensitive to solar radiation, and on the top of the pavilion another sensitive thermopile will be fixed. Thus these three instruments, which will be connected to recorders in the pavilion laboratory, will measure the solar ultra violet light, infra-red, and total visible radiation respectively.

Between the towers and the pavilion, collectors for the atmospheric electrical potential gradient will be suspended, and all around the pavilion dust recorders, weather boxes for humidity, pressure, and temperature recorders will be set up. At present a continuous recorder for atmospheric dustiness is being constructed, and is expected to be put into operation in the near future.

The details of this research programme and project have been planned in cooperation by Messrs. Y. M. Hsieh, W. Band, and W. Y. Chang, all of the physics department. A fuller report to be issued in "Science Notes" on this new project, ends thus: "The plan is definitely significant for Rural Reconstruction, since complete knowledge of all climatic factors throughout China is thoroughly important for the scientific development of agriculture. This is one way in which we pure scientists can show our interest and concern in China's practical problems, and bring our students to realise their importance for themselves".

## Prof. K. J. Lu New Chinese Chairman

Prof. Kuo Shao-yü has asked to be relieved of his duties as chairman of the department of Chinese. The request has been granted and the Chancellor has appointed as his successor Lu K'an-ju, assistant professor of Chinese. The announcement of the change was made in last Saturday's issue of the *Hsiao K'an*.

## Yenta Calendar

### Today, Tuesday, Oct. 22

4:00 p.m.	Faculty Executive Committee	Conference room
8:00 p.m.	Faculty Discussion Group	President's House
Topic: International Problems		
Leader: Mr. Arthur Rugh		

### Wednesday, Oct. 23

8:55 a.m.	Ninde Chapel	Miss Ch'en Jai-kuei
8:55 a.m.	Sage Chapel	Mr. Phelan
5:15 p.m.	Meeting of Committee on Loans, Scholarships, and Self-help	Conference room

### Thursday, Oct. 24

8:55 a.m.	Ninde Chapel	Music
8:55 a.m.	Sage Chapel	Mr. Liu Yi-shu
5:00 p.m.	Faculty Group for Devotion and Religious Discussion	Ninde Library
Leader: Dr. T. C. Chao		
6:45 p.m.	Chorus Practice	Sage

### Friday, Oct. 25

8:55 a.m.	Ninde Chapel	Devotions
8:55 a.m.	Sage Chapel	Miss Kuei
7:00 p.m.	Welcome Party for New Members of Y. C. F.	Boyd
8:00 p.m.	Victrola Concert	Gamble Hall



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## The Annotator

Many are aware that the total of the digits in any multiple of nine is nine or a multiple of it, but did you ever think out the reason for this interesting mathematical fact? If you haven't, you'll be surprised how simple it is.

### Using Column for Classified Ad

In running through things in a fall housecleaning, the critic on the hearth came across a copy of a Latin dictionary which doesn't belong to us but is nameless. The owner is welcome to same with apologies if due. We could wish others might do the same, as we are now unaware of the whereabouts of Dewey's "Common Faith" and a younger brother's doctoral dissertation on the "Stated Aims and Purposes of the Departments of Military Training, and of Physical Education, in the Land Grant Colleges."

We got a kick out of seeing two references to the latter in the September issue of the *Forum* in one of its typical debates on the R.O.T.C. in high schools and colleges. We commend that article with each side fully presented to those who haven't made up their minds on the subject, or are open to conviction.

### Suggested Improvement Is Here

I recently expressed a yen for staggered moons. On our hunting trip to Huailai when the thrilling sound of honking geese in flight did what only a fire could do at home, namely got me out of bed before daylight, I found that the earth temporarily at least has a secondary moon in the phenomenal brightness of Venus as a morning star. It won't last much longer in such glory and, take it from one for whom each arising is 'mis'ry' it's worth getting up to see. One could have, for instance, the unusual experience of seeing one's shadow thrown quite distinctly by a star.

Several mornings early we have seen the sun, the moon, and a star all shining brightly together in the heavens. My partner on the trip, commenting on Emerson's remark about the interest which would be aroused if the stars were visible only once a year, remarked that a similar sensation would be a period when no moons were visible on that planet with eight satellites.

### Know What an Anthelion Is?

On Pokuashan this summer, we all saw a rare sight which the chipette, in turning the pages of an encyclopaedia later, discovered is called an anthelion. We stood on a high ridge in the late afternoon and

the level rays of the sun threw our shadows against a nearby cloud-bank. Each person's shadow was the center of a complete circular small rainbow. They are known in Chinese as Fo Kuang 佛光.

On both trips I established this important fact to my own satisfaction: loss of sleep affects one as the square of the time lost.

### Some Suggested Light Reading

In a recent social gathering here was an American educator tourist with a mind-set on the proposition that China could and should give up the use of ideographs (as requiring in his opinion a disastrously disproportionate part of a pupil's time in school) and adopt romanization, or some form of phonetic script like the *kana* of the Japanese. Dr. Chou and I enjoyed an antiphonal attempt to enlighten him, without much success, we fear.

One who would like to see what fearful and wonderful results are achieved by any attempt to create a system susceptible of independent use are referred to "Shin Gwoyen Liousheng Piann Kehbeen" (新國語留聲片課本) written by "Jaw Yuanren" (趙元任) and published by the "Shangwuh Yinshu Goan Fashyng" (商務印書館發行). The transliterations are in Dr. Y. R. Chao's so-called "National Romanization."

### Sir Thomas Must Have Been Good

It is intriguing to think that specialists have been attempting for almost a half century now to improve upon the work of Sir Thomas Wade without producing a system of romanization that would take the place of his. One will admit that many of Dr. Chao's words look like the Chinese sound to English-speaking persons but Wade was after a plan best adapted for use by all Westerners. The sensible thing now, it seems to me, is for everyone to learn it and follow it, since it is in so nearly universal use.

It ought to be recognized all round that a system of romanization is a code and not an exact indicator of the precise sound. It can only be a code, unless all of us will learn the additional queer letters and diacritical markings of the international philologists, and all printing houses will stock the necessary additional types.

—V.N.

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## THE LETTER BOX

To the News:

Contrary to what might be expected, men Varsity team members at Yenching have a higher grade ratio than the average man student. Their average merit points last year came to 1.31, while those of all men students came to 1.22.

Much could be said, perhaps books written, with figures such as these for their themes, but space, time and place limit this letter to merely showing that becoming a Varsity member apparently increases one's chances of having good grades. Either that, or it is the better students, in general, who go in for athletics.

It is a good body usually that has a good mind...and if we cannot be among those few that bless the Varsity teams, we can at least participate in athletics, which exercises our muscles and rests our minds daily, without impairment but help to our scholastic standing.

In addition to the above statistics supplied by the Department of Physical Education, further data on Varsity members was revealed when tabulations showed that last year, of the 48 men members of Varsity teams, 12 belonged to the College of Public Affairs, 17 to the College of Arts and Letters, and 19 to the College of Natural Sciences. This is approximately in proportion to the total enrollment of the Colleges.

—A. Scrub Athlete

### Chemistry Social Saturday Afternoon

A social gathering of all chemistry students was held Saturday afternoon at the president's house. Lin Wei-chia, chairman of the Chemistry Club, presided. After a short talk by Dean S. D. Wilson, a program of entertainment was given, followed by refreshments.

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### Illness, Marriage, Trips Abroad. Explain Non-Return of Students

At least 37 former women students did not return to the campus this semester. Reasons for their absence vary from private matters to marriage, from illness to going abroad for further study.

Among them are Hu Shou-chu, Lucille Wolfe, Mathilda Chou, Chang Feng-mei, Yao Nien-yuan, Margaret Hayes, and Kuo Wen-yu. Miss Hu married a Mr. Huang, who is the brother of the owner of the Eastern Times, Shanghai, and who is a banking official. She is studying in Shanghai University as a major in education. Miss Chou left for Belgium early last summer, while Miss Kuo went back to Java for personal reasons.

### Pipes Concert Tickets Available

Tickets for chamber music concerts by Mrs. Susie Pipes to be given in the American School Nov. 12 and Dec. 10 are available this week for the convenience of the Yenching community at the office of the women's college in Miner Hall. If enough persons from here attend, special arrangements for transportation may be made.

### All-night Electric Service Abandoned

Beginning tonight, metered users of electric current will get service to midnight only. The trial of a few days showed that the amount used from midnight to 6 a.m. was negligible.

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